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MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY BANNED

PICTURE OF THE DAY
AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

YANGTSE RICE BOWL FLOODED

Shanghai, July 23.
Large areas of one of the most fertile regions of Central China—the Yangtse River basin—are deep under water as a result of the overflowing of the Yangtse, caused by heavy rains in the past fortnight. Chinese reports said today.

More than half of the former treaty port of Kiangling is flooded, but the situation is said to be especially serious in the upper reaches of the Yangtse.

The watermark in the wartime capital of Chungking, for example, is said to show an increase of 1.8 metres. In Hsiao-kow, all roads near the bank of the swollen river are inundated, and a day and night vigil is being kept on the Chungking dyke, which protects the city from the surging water.

Warning

A warning was sounded by the Minister of Water Conservancy, Mr. Hsueh Tzu-pi, in Nanking today, when he introduced emergency motions at a Cabinet meeting for the opening of the dams near Hankow to let the water in to the provincial lakes.

All rice fields in the middle Yangtse are said to be in grave danger. Two million farmers in Wuhan, 50 miles south of Nanking, are keeping a round-the-clock watch on the dyke as the swollen river continues to rise. Farm experts here today expressed the fear that numerous rice fields in the Yangtse basin may be wiped out, should a sudden typhoon or thunderstorm worsen the present situation.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador at Nanking, arrived in the Colony yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Lady Stevenson.

They travelled from Shanghai by H.K. Airways plane and are on their way to England for a period of routine leave. They expect to continue their flight on Sunday by BOAC aircraft, and in the meantime will be the guests of Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham at Government House.

Sir Ralph—who is known as one of Britain's most popular Ambassadors—sailed at the airport yesterday, and he and Lady Stevenson will break their journey in France for a short time before going on to England for a three months' holiday. They will then return to Nanking.

At Kai Tak, their plane landed in driving rain, through low storm clouds, but it was reported that their trip on the whole had been made in good weather. The Governor's Aide-Camp, Captain Wilson, met them at the airport and escorted them to Government House.

AIR MARSHAL JONES VISITING MACARTHUR

Tokyo, July 23.
The Chief of Australian Air Staff, Air Marshal George Jones, will arrive here tomorrow morning for his first visit to General Douglas MacArthur since the end of the Pacific hostilities. It was announced today.
He will be luncheon guest of Lieutenant General Ennis C. Whitehead, Commanding General of the U.S. Air Force in the Far East.
Air Marshal Jones will land at Haneda airport aboard an Australian-built four-engined Lin. com bomber—the first to visit Japan.—United Press.

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Other Dissident Groups Also Declared Illegal US WEAPONS FOR MINERS

Singapore, July 23.
The Malayan Communist Party, whose members are leading the insurgents in bloody attacks against the tin mines of the Malayan Peninsula, was banned by a Government order today.

All camp follower organisations of the Communist Party were also declared illegal, effective today.

In a statement, the British-controlled Governments of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore said steps to legalise the ban on Communists and allied organisations will be taken immediately.

Identified with the Communist Party as illegal were the Malaya People's Anti-Japanese Army of Comrades, the New Democratic Youth League and the Ikatam Pembela Tanah Ayer Malaya.

The official statement said it was significant that the four organisations had ceased their overt activities and move underground since the campaign of active violence began.

The two Governments said they were satisfied beyond any possible doubt that the Communist Party had for some time been responsible for planning and supporting the campaign of violence in an attempt to overthrow the existing authority.

Helping Bands Of Guerrillas

They said the Communist Party is collecting and forwarding food, cash and other requirements to guerrilla bands. All information, they said, confirms that the M.P.A.A. has been providing fighting men and arms for the Communist-planned campaign.

The statement said the New Democratic Youth League and the Ikatam Pembela Tanah Ayer Malaya actively cooperated with the Communist Party.

The statement concluded: "The Acting High Commissioner of the Federation and the Governor of Singapore would strongly adhere to the cardinal principle of their Governments that there should be no hindrance to the formation and healthy growth of political parties, trade unions and similar bodies which will be accorded as heretofore all democratic liberties or a free people so long as they do not promote violence and revolution by acts against the established government but promote their views by constitutional means."

The Government statement said an overwhelming amount of evidence has been collected showing these groups are planning and carrying out a virtual war in the Malayan Federation.
In Kuala Lumpur, meanwhile, it is reported that American pistols, machine-guns and shot guns are being flown to Malaya to protect the tin mines against Communist-led insurgent attacks. The first ship will arrive within a week.

CPA Wreck Piracy Theory Confirmed

Sources close to the investigators inquiring into the cause of the disastrous crash of the Catalina flying-boat last Friday off Macao, yesterday confirmed Thursday's exclusive "China Mail" report that foul play is suspected.

"There is reason to believe that there was an attempt to force the plane down for ulterior motives," these sources told the "China Mail" last night. They would not, however, elaborate.

Wong Yu, sole survivor of the crash in which 27 lives were lost, is now out of danger. He has been removed to the Police Hospital. The Hong Kong authorities are taking an interest in the crash. A special investigator, sent to Macao a few days ago, returned yesterday.
Salvage operations on the submerged flying-boat were suspended yesterday, owing to rough weather. Mr. Sydney H. de Canslow, Minister of Transport and Civil Supply, said today that the flying-boat was a Catalina.

Norman Cleveland of San Francisco, manager of the Pacific Consolidated Mines, said he has undertaken to supply all tin mining firms in Malaya with American arms and ammunition. The Pacific Tin Mines are the sole American tin interest in Malaya.

Difficulty In Buying Arms

Cleveland said British tin firms asked for American arms after running into difficulties in attempts to purchase arms from Australia and Britain.

The exact date of arrival of the first American arms shipment, as well as the number of guns involved, is being kept secret as a security measure. Cleveland said the shipment is coming by air "all the way." He also indicated he hoped to procure United States carbines as well as other guns. The American mines, located four and a half miles east of Kuala Lumpur, have not yet been involved in fighting although the British have engaged Communist bands nearby.

During the past three weeks Cleveland and his staff have been conducting their regular business with pistols strapped to their waists and with rifles close at hand. "Nobody has been bothered yet but it is best to be prepared," said Cleveland.—United Press.

Statement In House Of Commons

London, July 23.
The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, told the House of Commons today that the Malayan Communist Party is trying to set up a separate Communist state.

Mr. Creech-Jones made the charge in announcing that the Malayan authorities have outlawed the Party and three "other satellite bodies either actively involved in the present fighting or serving as a recruiting ground for terrorists. The object of the terrorist campaign is to declare a Communist state as soon as the Party's adherents obtain control by means of subversive violence in a substantial area of the country."

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

Manila, July 23.
Despite the current war threats in Palestine, some 1,200 Moro Mohammedans will soon go on a pilgrimage to Mecca, in Saudi Arabia and Judea, in Palestine. The Moro Congressmen, Senator Menalao Midsalano, who will head the delegation, said: "We are going to risk death to fulfil our religious obligations."—Reuter.

At an extraordinary meeting yesterday, the Hong Kong Teachers' Association decided to draft its constitution so that it may come under the Trade Union and Trade Disputes Ordinance.

Mr. Oliver Stanley (Cons.) former Colonial Secretary, said the Opposition supported the Government in its actions but contended it too long had faced the situation with indecision and complacency.

He demanded: "Is the Minister satisfied that we are in a position in other territories under his control to detect these plots before they lead to action?"
Mr. Creech Jones: Government is very concerned in regard to the whole of its public relations arrangements and intelligence organisation. We have in recent months given particular attention to this problem.

"Foul Slander"

Mr. Creech Jones said the Government has sent to Malaya all military reinforcements and further resources asked by the Malayan authorities.

Mr. William Gellacher (Communist) said: "It is absolutely positive when I say I repudiate the foul slander of this attack on the Malayan working class."
Mr. Creech Jones said he hoped to announce the name of the new High Commissioner for Malaya shortly.—United Press.

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Editorial Workers Strike In PI

Manila, July 23.
A strike of editorial workers closed the Philippines' largest afternoon newspaper today.

The majority of the staff of the Manila Evening News quit their desks this morning in protest over what they called the "ouster" of Cipriano Cid as editor. Cid was President of the "Committee of Labor Organisations," the islands' largest trade union, when he first accepted the editorship of the News.

He is currently Adviser to CLO and President of the CLO-affiliated Philippine Newspaper Guild. Recently Cid returned from Geneva where he was a member of the Philippine delegation to the U.N. Press freedom convention.

A spokesman for Ramon Rocas, publisher of the News and a large group of vernacular weeklies, said the management was not opposed to other union demands such as recognition of the PNC, closed shop and concessions on wages, insurance and hours. But, he declared, the issue was whether the publisher had control over the editorial policy of his newspaper, the fundamental one of which could not be compromised.

Rocas announced no attempt would be made to publish the paper until the strike was settled, although several members of the editorial staff, most of whom are mechanical staff retained on the job.—Associated Press.

AMERICANS RELEASED

Berlin, July 23.
The Soviet authorities today released 17 Poles, an American engineer, and the two American military policemen arrested yesterday when they inadvertently drove their jeep into the Soviet zone on the outskirts of the city. The American Press: "The American Press said that the military policemen were freed early this morning.
"God had been held in custody for more than 60 hours. The military policemen were released after they were taken up while trying to return to the American sector."—Associated Press.



SIR RALPH STEVENSON, British Ambassador to China, and Lady Stevenson, are shown above in the VIP's room at Kai Tak yesterday, following their arrival from Nanking yesterday. They are on their way to England for three months' leave.—"China Mail" Photo.

WORRIED OVER DANGER OF WAR, BOMBED UN HQ

Lake Success, July 23.
A former Army flier, worried about a new war, was sought today as the pilot who dived at United Nations Headquarters and dropped a missile which exploded harmlessly nearby.

The U.N. Trusteeship Council was in session when the missile went off yesterday near the ground about 400 feet from the entrance of the central U.N. building.

A plane answering the description of the one from which the missile was dropped landed a short time later at La Guardia field.

Its pilot, who identified himself as Stephen J. Supina, 36, former "B-17" turret gunner of Willington, Connecticut, left the field.

At Ashford, Connecticut, Supina's brother, former Connecticut State Representative Thomas Supina, Jr., said, "Steve has been pretty upset, seeing the world on the edge of another war."
He said his brother may have used a "signal flare" in an attempt to "wake up the United Nations."

The elder Supina said his brother thought that the "U.N." has not been forceful enough in trying to maintain "that they are a bunch of appeasers," and that "somebody ought to blast the U.N. into action."
Ever since Stephen came back from the war, Thomas said, he

Conspiracy To Steal HK\$1,105,440 Alleged

The charge of conspiring to steal HK\$1,105,440 was brought against a merchant, an interpreter, a druggist, and an unemployed man, by Detective Inspector J. Moore at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Latimer, on the application of the prosecuting officer, demanded Poo Ping-nam alias Poon Sin-yu (51 years), Wong Chiu (aged 50), Cheng Yim-san (44), and Cheung Yung (24 years), for 72 hours in custody.
The defendants are being charged with conspiring to steal the "second" money of the Hain Hua Enterprise Co. on various dates between July 15 and 21.

An application for bail by Mr. A. S. C. Comber, for first accused, was objected to by Det. Inspector Moore and refused by the magistrate.

Newfoundland Poll Divided

St. John's, Newfoundland, July 23.
Voters whose ballots have been counted from yesterday's election this far are about evenly divided on the question of self-rule or union with Canada.

However, observers believe the unionists eventually will win, since they say self-rule advocates have drawn most of their strength from some largely pro-union areas in the province. Still, much must be counted. Incomplete returns so far gave 64,890 for self-rule and 64,100 for union.—Associated Press.

Gunboat Crippled In Attempt To Stop Clan Warfare

One of two Chinese gunboats sent to suppress a battle between two rival clans, involving some 5,000 men, was badly damaged by gunfire, according to belated reports received in Canton from Kongmoon last night.

The gunboat limped into Kongmoon late on Tuesday night bringing a story reminiscent of ancient China when wars between opposing clans were common.

Simmering for the past two months, grievances which the Ko and Chiu clans harboured against each other broke out into a field battle on Monday night.

Arms, including machine guns, field guns, and anti-aircraft guns, were used by both sides, said the reports. The battle was last night reported still in progress.

The report said that for the past two months both clans have been buying up arms and ammunition with funds subscribed by the inhabitants of five small villages in the Sunwui county, less than 100 miles west of Hong Kong.

Earlier Clash
These arms were distributed among the men who were trained during the two months.

An earlier minor clash between factions was suppressed by troops after five men were killed.

The current fight broke out shortly after 5 p.m. on Monday. Of the 60,000 inhabitants in the five villages, 5,000 are reported in the battle line.

On Tuesday morning, two gunboats were sent to the area to suppress the fighting. One was attacked on its way by the guns of the Chiu clan. It was badly damaged and had to limp back to Kongmoon, big West River port.

Latest messages from Canton said that marines landed from the other gunboat were still trying to halt the fighting without being involved themselves.

The leaders of the two rival factions have not yet been contacted.

Rumours Origin In Hong Kong

Nanking, July 23.
The official organ, Central Daily News, editorially said today that the recent rumour of peace and the possible formation of a coalition government was disseminated by the Chinese Communists in Hong Kong.

The paper said these rumours were welcomed by disgruntled politicians and rebellious elements who helped to circulate them "in the hope they might be allowed to share in the spoils of the coalition government."

It added: "These quarters should shake themselves out of such fantastic day-dreaming." The Central Daily said the Chinese Communists in their recent anti-Chiu clan attack branded themselves as an "international fifth column serving the master of the iron curtain."—United Press.

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Indonesians Break Off Negotiation

Batavia, July 23.
The Republican Government decided today to break off political negotiations with the Dutch, according to a Government communique issued by Antara (Indonesian News Agency).

However, discussions on implementation of the truce will continue, it said.

The communique said three weeks have passed since the Australian-American compromise proposals for settlement were turned down by the Dutch. It said the Dutch decision failed to offer an alternative solution.

The communique said the Republican Government decided it is no longer necessary for the Republic's political section of their delegation to attend the next sessions in Batavia. Meetings are at present taking place in Republican territory at Kalitang, near Jogjakarta.

The meetings are due to move to Batavia by Monday as previously planned.—United Press.

MEXICAN PESO DEVALUED

New York, July 23.
Mexico has decided to devalue the peso after a long but unsuccessful fight to keep it at 4.85 to the U.S. dollar, where it was pegged since 1950, according to Mexican advices published by Dow Jones.

The new exchange rate will be fixed after consultation with the International Monetary Fund. The Bank of Mexico, effective this morning, stopped all buying and selling of foreign currencies until the new rate is fixed.—Reuter.

DESPATCH RIDER INJURED

Henry Silva, a despatch rider attached to the Lyemum Signal Office, suffered injuries to his knee when the motor cycle he was riding came into collision with private car No. 9387 in Chater Road, opposite the Hong Kong Club at 10.45 p.m. last night.

Silva, whose age was given as 22, was removed to the Military Hospital for treatment.

Something Refreshing, Something Wholesome

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring a bottle and the text: "Something Refreshing, Something Wholesome". It includes a small illustration of a person drinking from a glass and mentions "POPULAR PRICE 40 CTS." and "ANKER-B. HENNINGSEN".

POLICE INSPECTOR CLAIMS WRONGFUL DISMISSAL: SUES

King wanted to buy a girl to be half "mul-tal" and half "ashin p-tal". She brought the girl to the Colony on May 23, and handed her over to the first accused at the La Salle College.

A few days ago, Wong heard the first defendant speaking the second for telling the girl's adoptive father that she would be a slave girl and a girl widow when she (the widow) was 17 years old (that all Linn wanted was a slave girl).

BERNADOTTE HEADQUARTERS TO BE MOVED TO JERUSALEM

ARABS AND JEWS FIX POSITIONS

London, July 22.

Jews and Arabs, in the presence of United Nations representatives, have signed a map fixing their positions in Jerusalem at the beginning of the cease-fire on Saturday.

This took place while Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator, drew up plans to move his peace headquarters from the "neutral" island of Rhodes to Jerusalem, as soon as the truce is complete and supplies are assured.

Britain "Deserted" Hyderabad

Karachi, July 23.

The Nizam of Hyderabad accuses Britain of deserting Hyderabad because they had too little value, according to a statement in Hyderabad's dispute with India, released today by the Nizam's Agent General.

The accusation was contained in a letter to Lord Louis Mountbatten, who relinquished his post as Governor General of India recently.

The Nizam's main charges against the Government of India are that under the standstill agreement, the Delhi Government failed to supply arms urgently needed for internal security in Hyderabad and did nothing to prevent border raids in spite of repeated representations.

In fact, the Hyderabad charges say, Indian soldiers were sent into the state in civilian dress to stir up trouble.

The documents add that under the standstill agreement, India promised Hyderabad foreign trade facilities but instead imposed economic blockade in spite of the solemn assurances given by Lord Mountbatten.

In a letter of complaint to Lord Mountbatten, the Nizam warned Britain that "to break faith with the weak is perhaps less of immediate disadvantage than to break faith with the strong, but assuredly in the end it brings its retribution."—Associated Press.

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1.30 p.m. The Haydn Orchestra.
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6.00 p.m. Programme Summary.
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6.30 p.m. Lord Horatio's "A Hero's Life" Symphony from Op. 40, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
6.15 p.m. Commentary on the Test Match (London Relay).
6.30 p.m. "Lady in a Fog" by Lester Powell—Part 2: "The Lady Isn't Willing" (H.K.T.).
6.00 p.m. United Requests: Linda Carter, Catharine, (Studio).
8.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay).
8.15 p.m. "Saturday Round-up" (Studio).
8.30 p.m. "Behind the Scenes: A Hero's Life" Symphony from Op. 40, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
9.15 p.m. Commentary on the Test Match (London Relay).
9.30 p.m. "Lady in a Fog" by Lester Powell—Part 2: "The Lady Isn't Willing" (H.K.T.).
10.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay).
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Vengeance Murders

Mansfield, Ohio, July 23.

Ex-convicts seeking vengeance kidnapped the head of the State reformatory farm, his wife and their 22-year-old daughter from their home early today and murdered all three in a cornfield seven miles away.

The naked bodies of John Niebel, 50, Mrs. Niebel, 50, and their daughter Phyllis, 22, were found shortly after 3 p.m., 13 hours after they were roused from their beds by two or more men.

The parents had been riddled with bullets and their daughter slain by many blows on the head.

Because Niebel was known to authorities as a strict disciplinarian who brooked not the slightest deviation from prison rules, the authorities were convinced former inmates were the killers and that vengeance was their motive.

A check of all recently-discharged prisoners is under way.

—United Press.

SPLIT IN SLAV COMMUNISM

Belgrade, July 22.

The Minister of Interior, M. Alex Rankovich told delegates of the Congress of the Yugoslav Communist Party today that two of his war-time comrades — ex-Minister of Finance, Sretan Zujewich and ex-Minister of Light Industry, Andrea Bebrang — had tried to break up the Party and had damaged the interests of the people.

He spoke for nearly five hours to more than 2,000 party members who interrupted many times to cheer for Tito, for Stalin, and for the Yugoslav Party. As the Congress progressed, the spirit of the Party behind Tito, Rankovich and the other leaders became more emphatic.

Rankovich said that among the tasks confronting them was the continuation of watchfulness against enemies, Chauvinists and reactionaries. (Such as Zujewich and Bebrang when Marshal Tito on Wednesday called Cominform agents).

M. Rankovich, whose task in the Government is to maintain internal security and whose task in the Party's Politburo is organization, was putting the seal on the certain expulsion from the Party of his two former comrades.

It was the discharge from their Ministries and subsequent arrest of these two high Communists which first gave a hint that there was some kind of strife confronting Marshal Tito's Communists.

Act Of Defiance

No one outside the Party dreamed at the time that it would develop into an act of defiance against the Cominform.

M. Rankovich also indicated that Marshal Tito and his men intended to carry out the policy

of "no compromise" with the Cominform.

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Jews Want Direct Talks

Tel Aviv, July 22.

The Israeli Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion, today advocated direct negotiations between the Arabs and Jews without the aid of the United Nations mediator in Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, when he addressed the State Council—Agence France-Press.

SHANGHAI RUSSIANS APPEAL

Shanghai, July 22.

The Russian Emigrants Association today filed a request with the Australian Consulate—General, O. C. W. Fuhrman, on behalf of 3,000 local White Russians anxious to emigrate to Australia but restricted by present laws.

The Association chairman, Grigori K. Bologoff, filed a memorandum with the Consulate, saying that 90 per cent were fitted by background experience to work as farmers, labourers and were furthermore, "strongly anti-Communist." He said, however, that all but a few were not able to produce affidavits of support from Australian nationals as required by Australian law since few have relatives or close friends "down under."

He said the Russian Welfare Association in Sydney was trying to provide blanket affidavits for small groups of about 25 persons. However, his committee was informed that even such limited efforts were suspended until December while emphasis was placed on immigration from Europe.

Mr. Bologoff reported that since the war about 900 Russians have emigrated from Shanghai, having passed most rigorous security checks—mostly for the United States, plus a handful for Australia and Canada.

Many lived in Shanghai more than 20 years and have good jobs, but are seeking a new life elsewhere because of the rapidly worsening Chinese economic conditions, as well as a fear of "liquidation" by the Chinese Communists if they should win the civil war.

He added that hundreds at present were fleeing to Shanghai from Sinkiang Province where arrivals report growing Soviet influence.—United Press.

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BIG RAF EXERCISES IN ENGLAND

London, July 23.

The Air Ministry today ordered large scale Royal Air Force exercises over Southern England for this Sunday. A test of war-time air raid observation will also be held.

The move came against a background of intensified training activity for military aircraft here and on the continent by both Britain and the United States.

The Air Ministry said that approximately 100 R.A.F. aircraft—about half of them Meteor and Vampire jet-fighters—will participate in the day-long Sunday exercises.

More than 3,000 members of the air raid observation corps will man their stations in six Southern England centres. Meanwhile, in Central England some of the 60 United States Superfortresses, which arrived here last week, took off for "local flights" over England.

The London press gave front page play to the announcement that 60 United States jet fighters will arrive in Scotland, aboard the aircraft carrier Sicily, early in August. They will fly to Germany to bolster the American Air Forces there.—Associated Press.

HAIFA REFINERY WORKING AGAIN

Haifa, July 22.

The Haifa Oil Refinery went back into production today. Preparations for reopening the plant which had been idle since the British mandate left in the middle of May, began a week ago were top secret orders of the Israeli Government.

Today, benzene kerosene and diesel oil began flowing from the plant into storage tanks in the harbour.—United Press.

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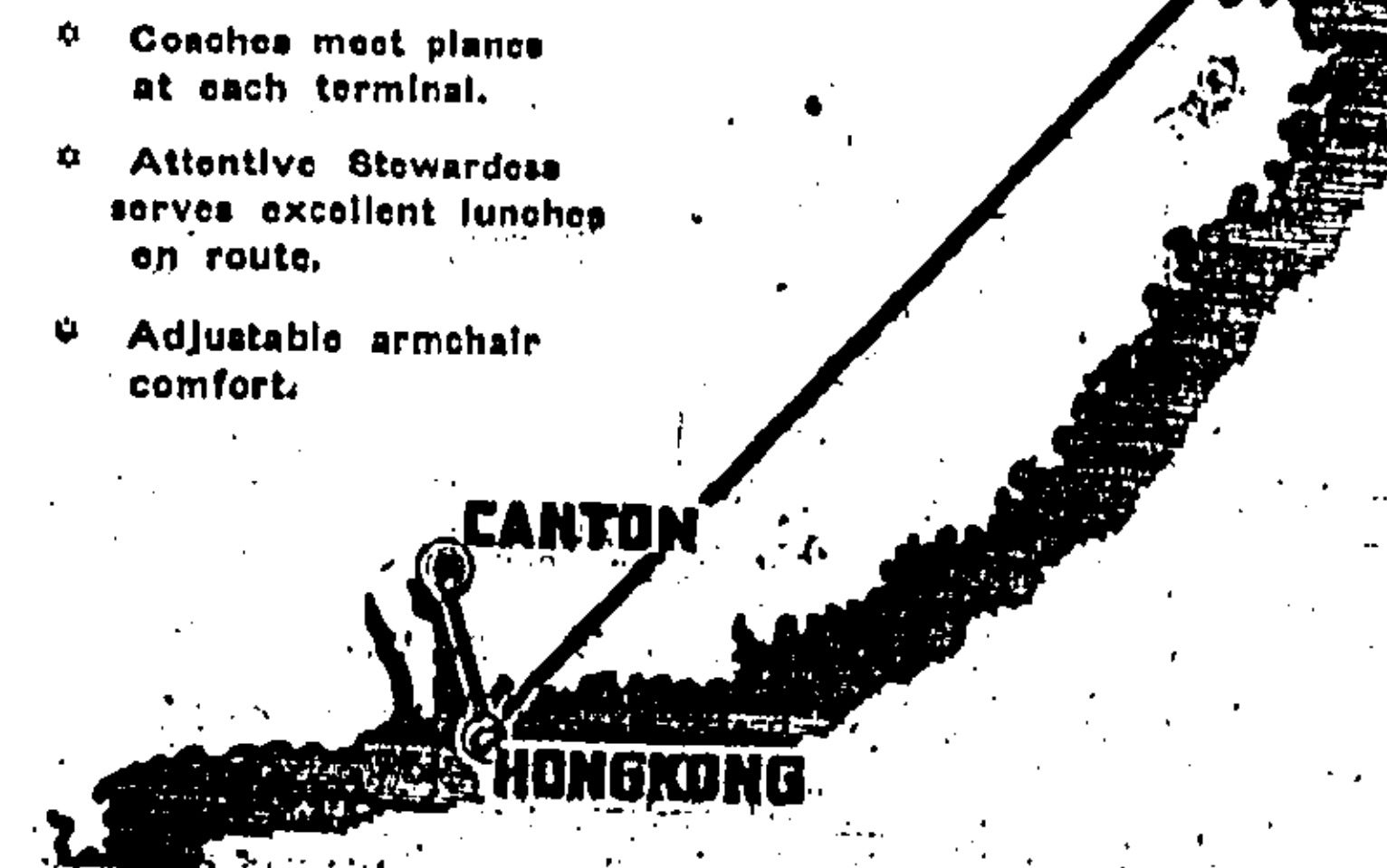
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BEACH HAZARDS

The tragic drowning at Shek-O beach comes as a sequel to a series of alarms, false alarms and near-disasters which have been reported since the swimming season opened. It is obvious, even without these warnings, that Shek-O and Big Wave Bay beaches, in particular, are unsafe at certain times—and more than dangerous to the scores of run-of-the-mill swimmers and children who go there daily.

In Sydney, there are literally miles of beaches more dangerous and more difficult to patrol than the Hong Kong coves. Yet in all these miles there is very rarely—and that means not even as often as once a season—a fatality from drowning, and it is usually found that accidents take place "outside the flags".

These flags are placed prominently on the beach, and bathers are advised to swim in the area between them, which is constantly watched from a tower. A lifeguard service (voluntary, by the way) is trained to the minute to go to the rescue, and when any victims are brought ashore there is always medical aid from St. John Ambulance staff available on the beach, if the beach is large, or a pavilion which houses simple equipment which can be worked by anybody to save life.

Maybe these refinements are too much to expect here, even though a matter of life and death is involved. But some simple scheme could be used which would at least be more valuable than anything existing at present.

A watch-tower would enable a permanent watchman to see swimmers in difficulties beyond the breakers when otherwise they might not be noticed. The tower could be equipped with a floodlight for night rescues. The rocket apparatus, (which did not seem to work very smoothly on Thursday night) will probably be used regularly, as the launching of boats seems to present difficulties and there appear to be very few swimmers at the beaches capable of sustained rescues. For this reason beach inspectors should be trained in its use until they are efficient.

After the victim has been rescued, what about reviving him? This, again, should not call for any complicated planning. Telephone communication on the beaches is non-existent, and it is necessary to go to private houses or to the Shek-O Club to telephone for medical aid, which in any case is on the other side of the island. Telephones should be readily available or, if lack of cables makes this impractical, some sort of signal system could be worked out which would save precious minutes.

First aid, too, even with completely unskilled assistants, can be rendered far more effective than the usual manner of artificial respiration. An Australian doctor recently designed for the life-saving clubs on Sydney beaches a swivelling plank. The person is strapped to it and two people, one at each end, swing the plank in a circle and at the same time the plank is moving up and down like a sea-saw. This method of resuscitation has proved immensely successful and has the advantage that it can be worked by two

"Beaten again!" If I heard that expression used once, I heard it uttered a hundred times following day, were players who will eventually play a part in helping Denis Compton to regain for us much of the prestige such giants as Jack Hobbs, Bert Sutcliffe and Harold Larwood helped to win.

Tennis is another game that suffered because of the war. No tournaments were played, few players were even able to get a game for, again, the courts on many a public park and common

Says

JOHN GRAYDON

were used for the purpose of growing valuable food. That our players, after so many setbacks, should have proved so capable is a feather in their caps.

More youngsters are taking part in organized swimming than ever before. What is more, the Amateur Swimming Association is sparing no effort to coach our promising swimmers and the result is a steady if not startling improvement in all-round performances.

The Olympics

What of the forthcoming Olympic Games? Are we likely to be well to the fore so far as winners of titles go if we are honest with ourselves? Great Britain will be fortunate if one winner falls from this island.

The Briton who stands the best chance of Olympic honours? Jack Holden, at the age of 40 just about the greatest Marathon runner in the world. Even Jack, who has so often proved his outstanding ability, will have to hustle for the challenge, as one would expect, will be strong.

Only Two

By comparison, only two of the present Olympic team, Alec Beder and Jim Laiker of Surrey, are post-war discoveries and did not play in County cricket before the war.

It has been suggested in some quarters that one of the reasons our cricketers have not fared as well is that they play too often. True, they take part in County games six days a week, and probably a benefit game on the Sunday, but, knowing cricketers, I will not agree with this argument.

The real reason we have not won a Test against Australia since the war is that they have developed young cricketers and a good young "un, with but few exceptions, will invariably get the better of a talented player who is several years older, especially when it comes to a five-day Test match.

The answer to the present-day shortage of class cricketers among our youth—again to a large extent due to the call-up—is one which the M.C.C. could overcome by taking note of the manner in which the Football Association arranged special courses for training coaches.

These coaches when fully trained, have toured the country, passing on to youths their experience and knowledge. If the M.C.C. in a similar manner, utilized the ability of noted players, especially in the close season at indoor cricket schools, I feel sure it would prove a scheme most beneficial to the game.

Young Players

In the meantime we must not close our eyes to the fact that we still have a number of young players progressing towards the grade that justifies a Test chance. Remember the names of Dave Fletcher (Surrey), Willie Watson and John Wardle (Yorkshire), Maurice Toplett (Somerset), and

Colonial Liaison Officers

London, July 22.

The Colonial Office has appointed the first of a number of development liaison officers who will maintain close touch between the Colonial Office and the Governments of each of the major colonial regions; it was announced tonight.

The new officers, who will spend about half their time out of Britain, will be concerned with all aspects of the economic development of the colonies. They will inform the colonial governments of the current views in Britain on economic policy and will convey to the Colonial Office and other British Government departments the needs of colonial governments in carrying out their economic development projects, particularly in supply matters.

The first such officer, for East Africa, is Mr. J. H. J. Graydon, formerly of the Burma Civil Service.—Rauter.

people for an indefinite period.

These improvements to beach equipment are all of them simple while effective. But it would be far better if swimmers would call their limitations.

Food Parcels

Food parcels sent to our athletes from various Empire countries, have helped a little, but it is getting necessary foods all the year round that turns the scale. Like the Football Association, our Amateur Athletic Association

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Correspondence

"Sir, Recently you were kind enough to print a protest from the swayed word 'Target', who, it seems, is constantly forced to do the work of a number of quite different words by a glut of vulgar little politicians and illiterate planners. May I ask you to give publicity to my own sad plight?"

"For more years now than I care to remember I have been following a road which the adjective 'Psychological' due to a misinterpretation of a German technical term. This has made a meaningless fool of me, and also placed me in the unenviable position of being listed by the late Mr. Fowler as part of a HACKNEYED and an IRRELEVANT ALLUSION."

"May I call to the attention of your many readers the good old English phrase: 'In the nick of time.' That, I fancy, is what they really mean when they use me in conjunction with that wretched adjective."

Faithfully yours,
J. H. J. GRAYDON.

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Shorter Oxford English Dictionary.
Now, now, come, come to Britain! "Overcharging" and underfeeding is the victor's complaint, said the Alderman. That Margaret does overcharge is certain. A friend of mine, his wife, maid and child—these people and a bit more—quitted £30 a week to stay at an hotel. This is sheer robbery."—News Item.

Robbery, as you know, has a technical sense at the moment, and this island was in financial straits at the time, and only the profits could, so to speak, be used to pay the bill. The Alderman, who was a member of the House of Commons, said: "We take it means 'unjustified'."—News Item.

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MR. ROGER LAPHAM'S OUTBURST

Shanghai, July 22

Mr. Roger Lapham's "Help Yourself" speech made over a U.S. Army radio station yesterday, was one of the strongest utterances ever made by the fellow administrator for China.

Lapham's blunt advice to the Chinese people was the result of a head of steam Lapham has been building up ever since he got to China and saw vast piles of consumer and luxury goods and cheap prices.

For a country that was losing a war to the Communists and was supposed to be exerting an all-out war effort that didn't add up.

The agreeable San Francisco, who seemed so affable for the job, was slow to speak but when he did speak he spoke on the record and bluntly told the Chinese Government he does not think they are putting everything into their war effort—especially in the cities.

Lapham has traded softly since coming to China. He listened amiably to criticism of the Nationalist Government. He heard in silence stories of Nationalist mismanagement and corruption. He told the American people and the Chinese merely that he hoped to be a sort of banker and that he would try to give the American taxpayer as much value as possible for the U.S.\$275,000,000 ECA grant to China.

There was much talk that he was going to be a "soft touch" and that in the end the National Government would use the money as it pleased.

His radio speech in its original draft was said to be longer than this one he delivered. He was prevailed on to remove some of the sharpest bits which he did, probably figuring that this is only the first speech and he might have to make quite a few more.

Lapham visited Europe before he came to China. He saw there limited stocks on British and European store shelves. He felt the high prices and rationing. He noted few automobiles and limited gasoline at a stiff price.

When he arrived in Shanghai and found the place bulging with consumer goods being offered at prices which in terms of United States dollars were trifling. He saw streets jammed from dawn to dusk with late model sedans which obviously cost more than the U.S.\$1200 import limit. He also noted that gasoline which in Europe cost as much as U.S.\$2.00 a gallon sold in Shanghai for about U.S.\$0.15.

He was sent to Nanking on a Government owned train and noted that he paid the equivalent of about U.S.\$0.80 for the 180 mile trip with berth. He noted that on one of the Government airlines, CNAC and CATC, he could fly from Shanghai to Peking—an one time—for equivalent of about U.S.\$15.00 and to Hong Kong for U.S.\$18.00.

The Chinese Government, Lapham said, wanted to go on running their ailing, raking in worthless Chinese dollars at the expense of the American China Relief organization.

Lapham said that all this has been pointed out to Chinese officials who listen politely and do nothing.—Associated Press.

CRISIS LOOMING IN PERSIA?

London, July 22.

The weekly "Spectator" suggested today that the Shah of Iran, now on a "semi-private" visit to this country may be seeking British backing for a move to strengthen his hold on Iran's Government.

"There have been many signs recently that Persia is reaching one of those periodic crises in her national life when the urge to make a violent change becomes almost impossible to check," the "Spectator" said.

"It is natural that in these circumstances many Persians should transfer their hopes from Farliant to the Throne and as things are at present an extension of the Royal power looks a likely possibility."

"It is significant that the Home Affairs Committee of the Majlis recently adopted a Bill which would revive the Senate—an integral part of Parliament which, however, Persia has managed to get along without for the past 30 years."

"In the Senate, 30 per cent of the members would be nominees of the Shah, and more important, the Senate has the power to dissolve the Majlis."

The article added that Persian internal affairs are "no concern" of Britain. "Insofar as they do not affect our oil concessions in the South."

"The British Government has always encouraged a strong Central Government in Persia though when strength degenerated into dictatorship as happened under Reza Shah, our support had to be withdrawn."

"While wishing well to the present Shah, we must hope that he will reproduce his father's energy and patriotism, without his father's taste for autocracy."—Associated Press.

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DEFENCE CHIEFS MEET CABINET

Bevin Outlines Allied Reply To Soviet Note Ready To Talk If Russian Blockade Is Removed

London, July 22.

British Defence Chiefs were called into a Cabinet meeting on the Berlin crisis today, while the United States Commander-in-Chief in Germany, General Lucius D. Clay, summoned urgently from Germany, conferred in Washington with President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.

Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Cunningham, the First Sea Lord, and Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Hollis, Chief Staff Officer to the Ministry of Defence, spent two hours with the Cabinet today when the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, outlined the terms of the British reply to the Soviet note on Berlin.

Later, Mr. Bevin reiterated in the House of Commons that the British Government was ready to discuss Berlin and other matters with the Soviet Government "as soon as the technical difficulties which have prevented normal communications with our sector of Berlin have been removed."

Observers considered it unlikely the reply would be sent before the weekend.

General Clay reported to President Truman on the Berlin situation at a meeting of the National Security Council. High-ranking military leaders were present as well as Mr. Marshall.

The gathering was not "in the nature of a crisis meeting" but a regular session to which General Clay was invited. It was stated.

The Council includes the Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal and heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

No Comment

After the conference, General Clay said he would fly back to Berlin tomorrow night. He would not say whether he had received any "policy guidance" from the Council, nor would he comment when asked "Will there be any change in the situation as a result of this conference?"

President Truman at his press conference in Washington today reaffirmed his confidence in the achievement of world peace and endorsed a statement by Mr. Marshall yesterday that the United States would use every resource of diplomacy to seek a solution of the Berlin crisis without war.

Asked about the "chances for world peace," Mr. Truman said they were good, in fact, excellent. "We will get world peace eventually."

An agreement between the Western powers and the West German State Premiers on the speedy setting up of a separate West German State is now virtually certain, and two German committees will start preparatory work on the creation of a Constituent Assembly next week. The 11 West German Premiers announced this from Ruedelsloh today at the end of a meeting to redraft their counter-proposals to the London six-power recommendations on Germany.

The Premiers said they were determined "to assume full responsibility for a new ordering of German affairs, commensurate with the powers given to them."

Western Germany

"To unify the three Western Zones and create for this area a Parliament and Executive based on democratic principles, the Prime Ministers are immediately setting up two committees—one to prepare the draft of a provisional Constitution and one to revise internal State boundaries as requested by the Allies," the communiqué added.

The British authorities in Germany reported officially tonight that Russian Yak fighters broke flying regulations three times this morning in the Bueckeburg air corridor to Berlin.

In one incident, two Yaks climbed in front of a York transport at 100 yards distance, although the air safety rules stipulate that no aircraft shall approach within 150 yards of another.

The second breach took place when another outboard York saw three Yaks following an aircraft towing a brogue. Brogue towing and other such trailing is forbidden in the air corridors.

The third breach took place when an inbound York reported a formation of Yaks flying into and out of clouds.

U.S. Annoyed

Washington, July 22. President Truman today sought to calm mounting war fears as the National Security Council met in the White House for nearly two hours to hear Gen. Lucius D. Clay report on the Berlin blockade situation.

High US officials are reported to be annoyed with the British Foreign Office for allowing the story to leak out that the next Western move will be a note to Moscow offering talks on the entire German problem if the Kremlin recognizes the right of the Western Allies to remain in Berlin.

They disclosed that Britain proposed such a course early this week but the United States has not accepted it.

High quarters regarded the premature publicity in London as a British effort to bring pressure on the United States for acceptance.

The White House Secretary, Charles Ross, said that the meeting of George Marshall, James Forrestal and other members of

MR. BEVIN REITERATES STAND ON BERLIN

London, July 22.

The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in a brief statement in the House of Commons on Berlin, reiterated today that Britain, along with the United States, cannot be coerced in dealing with Russia on Germany.

He was immediately pressed by the Opposition Leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, for a detailed statement on the military aspect of the situation.

Mr. Bevin said: "I am in close touch with the US and French Governments on the Berlin situation and in particular, on further steps to be taken in the light of the Soviet Government's reply to our joint note. Our policy remains the same. As Mr. Marshall, the United States Secretary of State said yesterday, we cannot be coerced."

"As soon as technical difficulties which have prevented normal communication with our sector of Berlin been removed, we shall be ready to discuss Berlin and other matters with the Soviet Government."

Mr. Churchill immediately pressed for a statement "in general terms about the military aspect, because it is very important that the military aspect should not be out of line with diplomatic procedure."

The Communist, Phil Piratin, shouted at Mr. Churchill, "Warmonger!"

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee then intervened to say: "A most full and active consideration is being given to all defence matters," and indicated that he would make a further statement later.

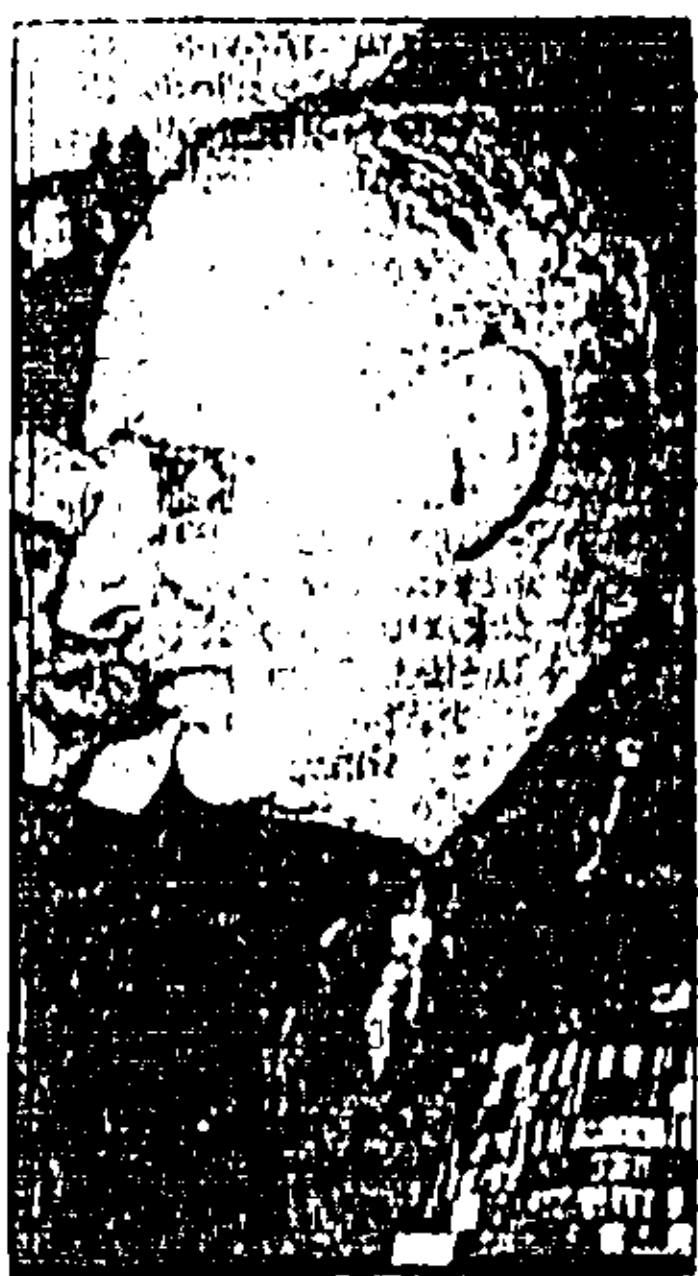
Open For Discussion

When the Communist, Will Gallacher, asked Mr. Bevin to take steps to restart the four-power Government in Germany, Mr. Bevin pointed out "bitterly" that the Soviet Government walking out on that and said: "As soon as the agreements and rights of the occupation forces are re-established, I am open to discuss any matter the Soviet Government may raise."

Mr. Bevin said that the Council of Foreign Ministers "still exists and if the Soviet Government wish to discuss these things, we are ready to continue the discussions."

Cannot Function

Mr. Bevin added: "But it is impossible for a self-respecting Government to sit down and discuss these things when troops are



Field-Marshal Montgomery, who, with the other Defence Chiefs, attended the Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street.

BRITISH FILMS IN BAD WAY

London, July 22.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, disclosed today that the British film industry was in such dire straits that the Government had decided to set up a £5,000,000 loan agency to finance film production.

He told the House of Commons: "Pretty well the whole of the industry, outside of the Rank organisation, is now facing a stoppage unless we do something."

He said that the new film finance corporation would be empowered to lend up to £5,000,000 "on reasonable commercial terms" for film production largely by independent producers.

Mr. Wilson said that independent film production had already come to a stop in some areas because of the producers' inability to borrow.—United Press.

The New Note To Moscow

London, July 22.

The new note to Moscow, now being completed in London, is likely to be a conditional offer of four-power talks on all problems outstanding between the Soviet Union and the West, observers believed here today.

By broadening the basis of renewed big-four talks, the West can powerfully test whether Moscow sincerely wishes to bring about a peaceful settlement, not on Berlin or Germany alone, but in the whole of Europe.

Such a proposal would lift the Berlin issue out of the atmosphere of crisis into which it has degenerated, and place it in perspective as simply one of a number of unsolved controversies which must be dissipated if Europe is to enjoy any sort of real peace or stability.—Reuter.

AIR LIFT BREAKS RECORD

Berlin, July 22.

The U.S. Air Force roared into Berlin today with a new record breaking load of food and fuel for the Soviet blockaded Western sectors.

As the joint Anglo-American lift continued through its 27th successive day, Dakotas and Skymasters unloaded 1,639 tons of supplies in 265 flights to Tempelhof airfield.

The previous record was 1,601 in 262 flights.

Yorks, Dakotas and Sunderland flying boats of the R.A.F. flew 150 flights to the British sector with an estimated 540 tons.

There were no political developments with the beleaguered city today.—Associated Press.

Charges Shock UN

Lake Success, July 22.

Top officials and the 3,000-person staff of the United Nations today complained belatedly that they have been "shocked and appalled" by charges of State Department officials that the United Nations is being used as a cloak by anti-American subversives.

The Acting Secretary General, Mr. Victor Hoo, and the Staff Committee representing all personnel, said they were glad that the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, had "personally disavowed" the charges made before the Congressional committee by some of his Department subordinates. But they were angry about the original charges and the way they were made to the sub-committee of the Senate's Judiciary Committee.

Hoo said, "We all were greatly shocked to discover that we were suspected as spies. Of course it has had some effect on morale in general." Hoo is the chief during the absence of the Secretary General, Trygve Lie. Hoo noted that the charges were made by "only minor officials" and that "this has not harmed our good relations with top officials of the State Department."—United Press.

MURDER PLOT WAS ALTERED

New Delhi, July 22. Digamber Badge, the witness who turned King's evidence in the Gandhi murder trial, told the court today that last minute changes were made in the abortive January 20 attack because he was afraid being trapped in the room after shooting at the Mahatma.

He said that on January 20 he went to Birla House, Gandhi's residence, with Madan Lal, Narayan Apte and others of the accused, to prepare the attack. Madan Lal told them he had put a gun cotton slab in position ready for exploding. They then met Karkare, who said he had arranged for one of them to pose as a photographer and go into a room overlooking Gandhi's prayer meeting on the lawn of Birla House.

Badge said he was frightened at the thought of striking at Gandhi from an inside room because he might be trapped there, and the others agreed he should go into the open and "shoot from opposite where the Mahatma sat."

He stood at about 15 yards to the right of Gandhi during the prayer meeting, and after a few minutes heard a big explosion and saw smoke rising nearby.

When he saw Gandhi raising his hand and telling the people to keep calm, he decided to leave. Later in the session, Badge entered the dock and identified the eight accused one by one.

The court then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

AMERICA TO LEASE JAP NAVAL BASES?

Washington, July 22.

Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) said today that he planned to suggest to members of the Congressional Committee appointed to study problems of the former Japanese mandated islands that they investigate the possibility of securing 99-year leases on the three principal naval bases at Sasebo, Yokosuka and Kure.

Senator McCarthy said he did not intend to bring the matter officially to attention during the special session of Congress, since the problem was not that urgent. However, the Committee plans a trip in November to study problems of United States control of the islands, as well as others in the Pacific area.

"We now have possession of these bases, so that at the moment it is not pressing," said Senator McCarthy. "But I think we should get long-range control through friendly negotiations with the Japanese."

"At present we are doing nothing but pour money into these bases, without any authority for our remaining there permanently. Also, their acquisition is supremely important from a strategic defence standpoint."

"It would be good for the United States and also good for Japan."—United Press.

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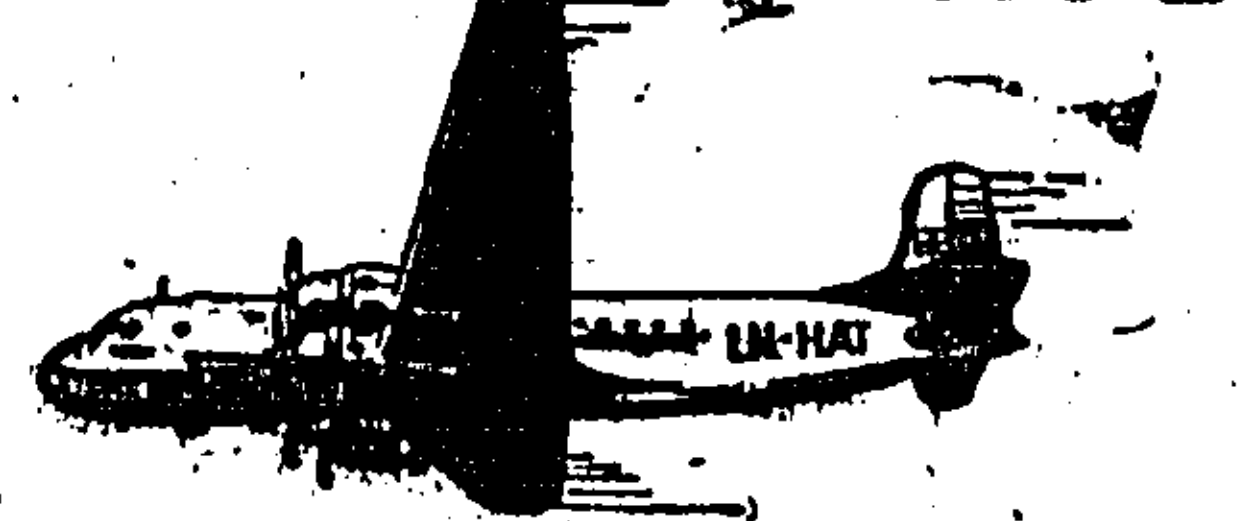
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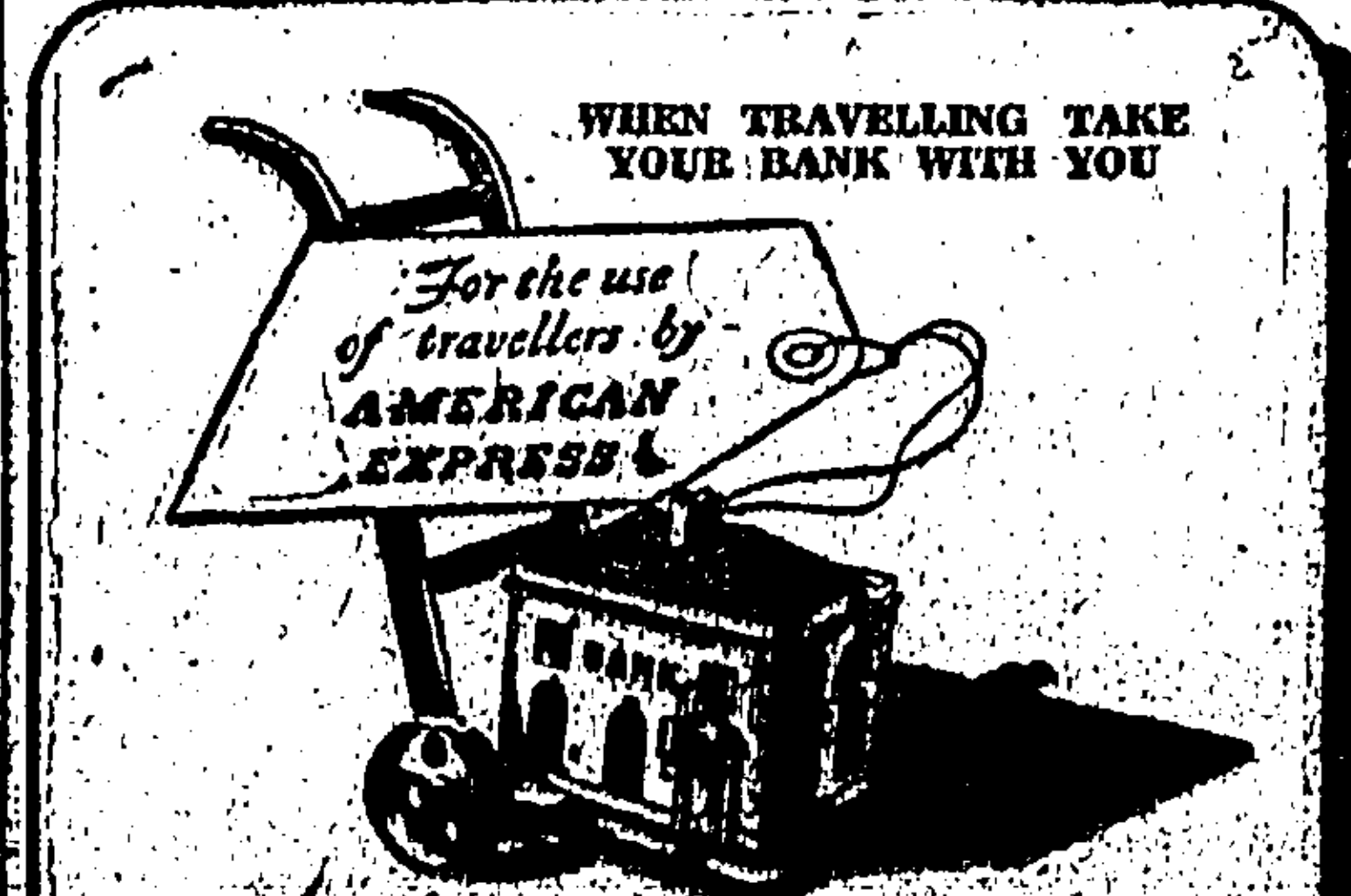
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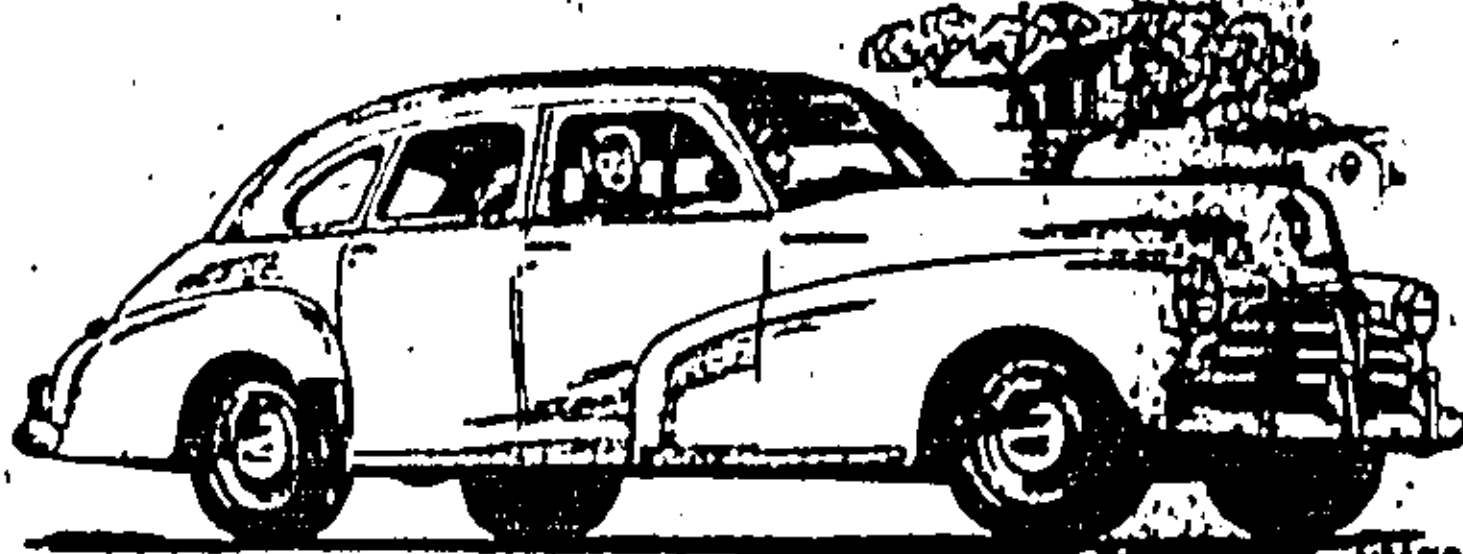
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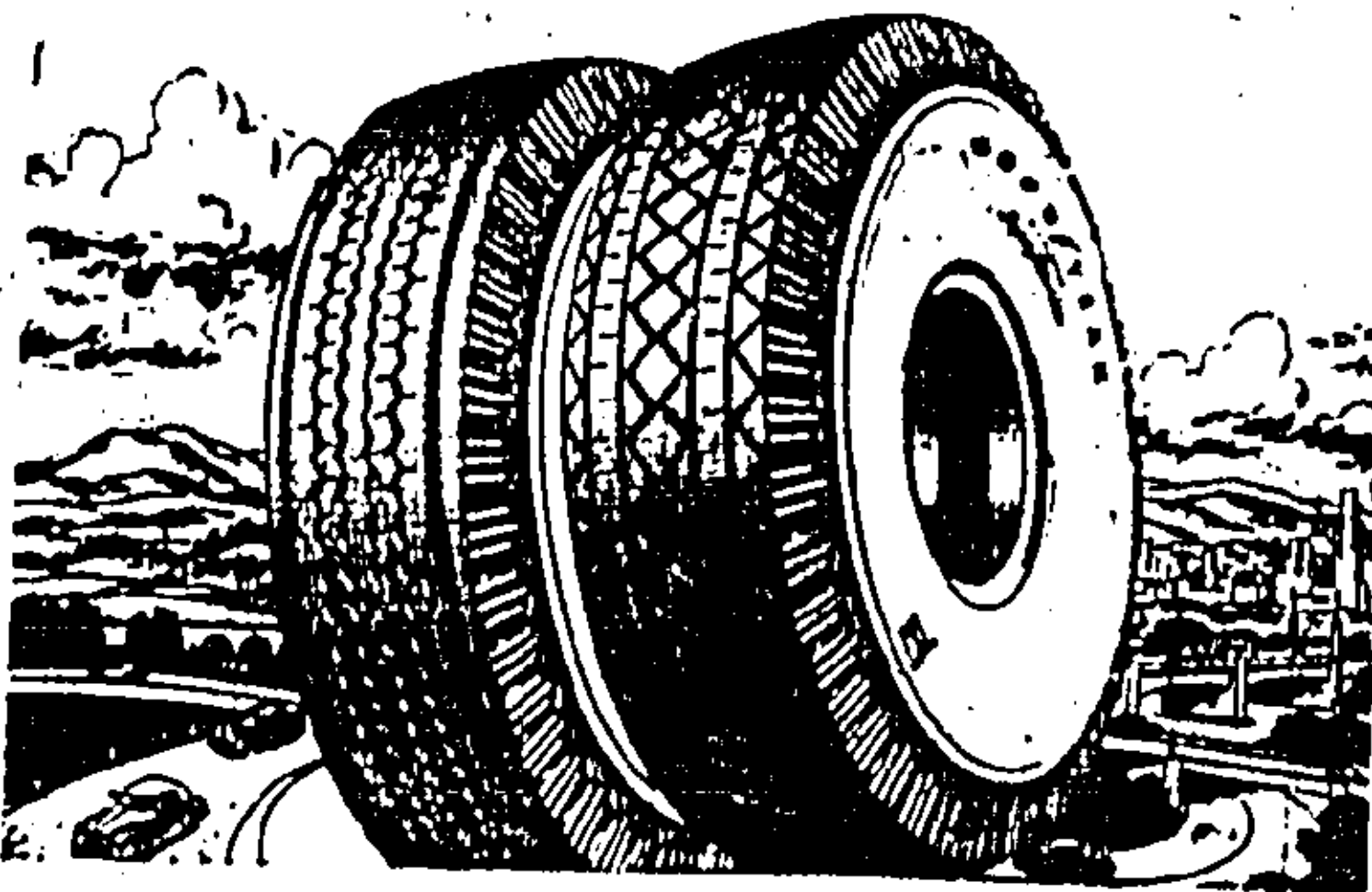
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MODERN TRENDS IN CAR DESIGN

By GRANDE VITESSE

Although technically the most interesting features are engines and gearboxes, frame design is one of the most important features of modern motorcars. English constructors maintain the classic system having pressed-steel side-members and closed-box sections. On the Austin A-40 chassis the frame steadily widens and follows the external body line and is fitted with very strong cross-members to resist torsion. Amongst Italian constructors this type of frame seems to be disappearing. Maserati relies entirely upon tubular welded members, and I believe that this method is probably the best for cars built in small numbers. It is utilised also by the Ferrari firm. In this case it is of Warren girder construction using small-diameter tubes, which confers great stiffness with little weight and is an example of aeroplane technique carried into the automobile field.

Isotta Fraschini also use a frame which derives from aeroplanes, but in this case it is formed by box elements fabricated from stiff thin steel sheets with local stiffeners provided by folded sheets welded into place. The frame constitutes the under part of the body, and the Maserati car also uses construction along these lines.

Light-Alloy Frames

An interesting feature of French construction is the use of cast light-alloy frames. Gregoire uses an Alpac Silcon alloy with good casting qualities, and the frame incorporates part of the body including the entire dashboard and screen assembly. Another French constructor, Irat, also uses castings, but in this case they are bolted together with nuts and form part of the actual body structure. This involves the production of many different members: the alloy used is magnesium.

Norton Well In Forefront

As the 1948 racing season progresses more and more laurels in the most important international events are being won by the famous race-bred Nortons, and against competition which has never been keener.

An outstanding victory was that of Artie Bell in the 200 miles Dutch T.T., which he won at an average speed of 82.75 m.p.h. from N. Pagan, riding one of the new four-cylinder Italian Gilera, claimed to be the fastest motor-cycles in the world. Bell also made the fastest lap, at 87.72 m.p.h.

Bell is making a habit of being the first man home, for he won a great victory in the Isle of Man Senior T.T., when Norton took first, second and third places. Harold Daniell and Bell between them shared the major honours in the Swiss Grand Prix at Geneva, for in the 500 cc. class Daniell was first with his Norton team-mate, second, and Bell won the 350 cc. class, in which Daniell was third.

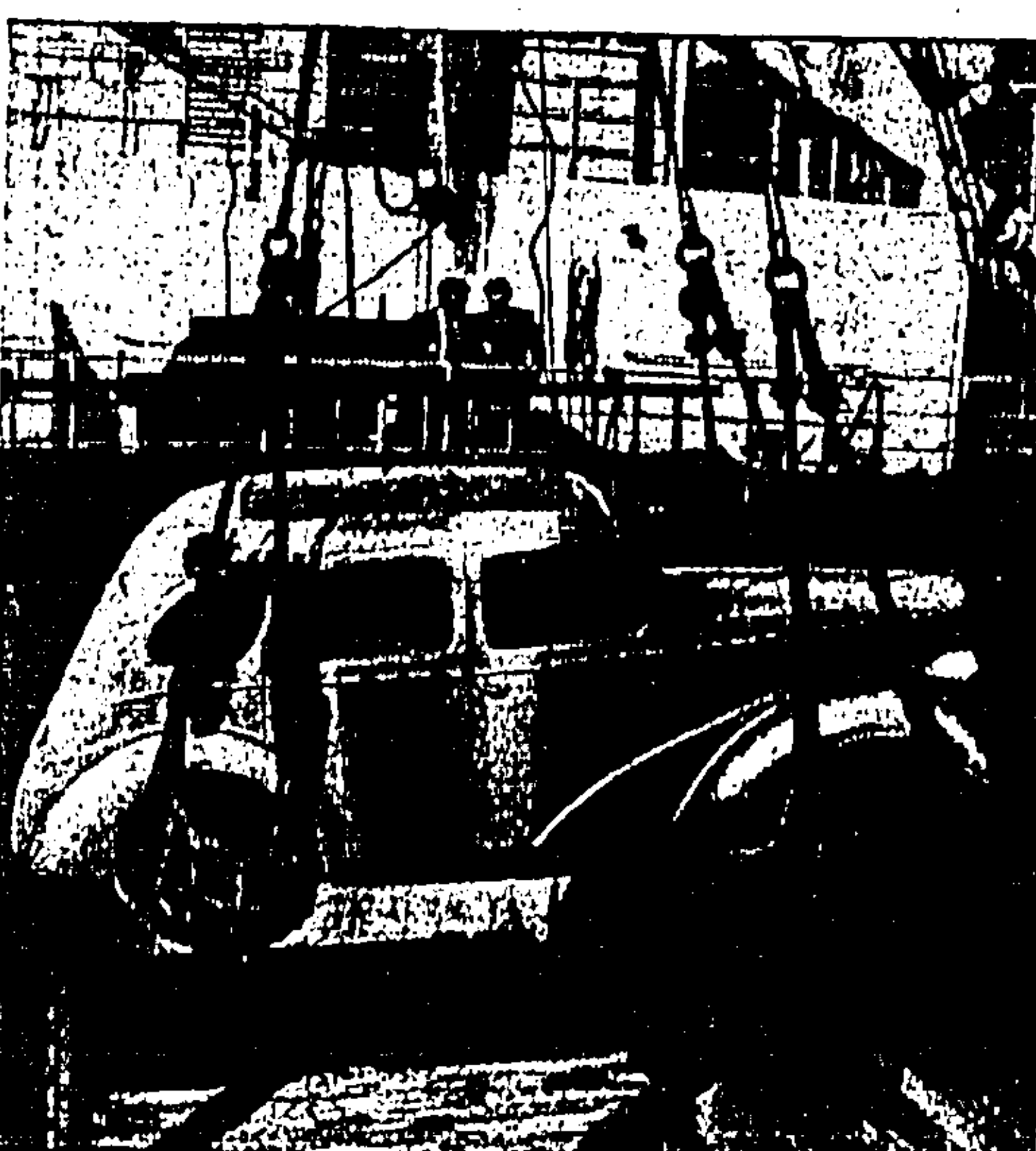
Two other outstanding recent Norton victories in important events were scored in Poland and in Finland. Norton machines were first, second and third in the Polish Grand Prix and also took the first three places in the Finnish T.T.

This brings in its train the cost of manufacture and the difficulty of modifying the body at any time, as it is completely tied to the assembled car. The design may have been adopted in the light of the great quantities of magnesium alloy that are surplus from war-time aeronautical construction, but I do not believe that the scheme is a very attractive one. It must always be remembered that such alloys are open to attack by the atmosphere, especially near the sea. An anodic film is provided and makes a good means of protection, but what happens if it is removed? There is always the chance of

leaving a car in the garage for the winter months and finding it changed to a pile of magnesium powder in the spring!

Pressed Steel

Another French car, the Renault, is clearly designed with economical production in view and is entirely frameless with a body of pressed steel. There was also to be seen a frame built with four tubes welded around a floor of corrugated sheet. If among technicians, as among the painters, there were a school of primitives, such a frame would certainly be a good example of it.



The scene at the Victoria Docks, London when the first consignment of British-built Ford cars were loaded into the s.s. Red Jacket for their journey across the Atlantic. This shipment of Ford Prefects, built at Dagenham, are the first of a consignment being exported from Great Britain to America.

An Interesting Opel Exhibition

An elegant horseless carriage, of one cylinder and a reputed four horsepower led a little procession of Opel products through the streets of Hamburg recently. This conveyance was built in 1897 and was one of the first to leave the factory of Adam Opel at Russelsheim, Baden, which is a powered perambulator. It accommodates four passengers, facing each other, with the upright steering column, surmounted by a wheel the size of a saucer, between them. Changes of direction are actuated largely by two parallel chains, and on the steering wheel is a lever which selects the appropriate gear, of which there are two operated by pulleys. The engine is placed just forward of the rear axle and the power is transferred to the rear wheels by chains.

Another interesting and beautifully turned-out showpiece from the Opel Museum was the 1909 touring car. Built at a time when the works were producing 3,000 cars a year, and selling them at RM 4,000, this 8 h.p. model is almost modern in concept. It is a four-cylinder, with a geared oil pump in the sump, differential and conventional raked steering. It motorised smoothly and quietly, resplendent in an occasional three-seater body of brilliant scarlet and a great deal of highly polished brass.

Combination Steering Lock

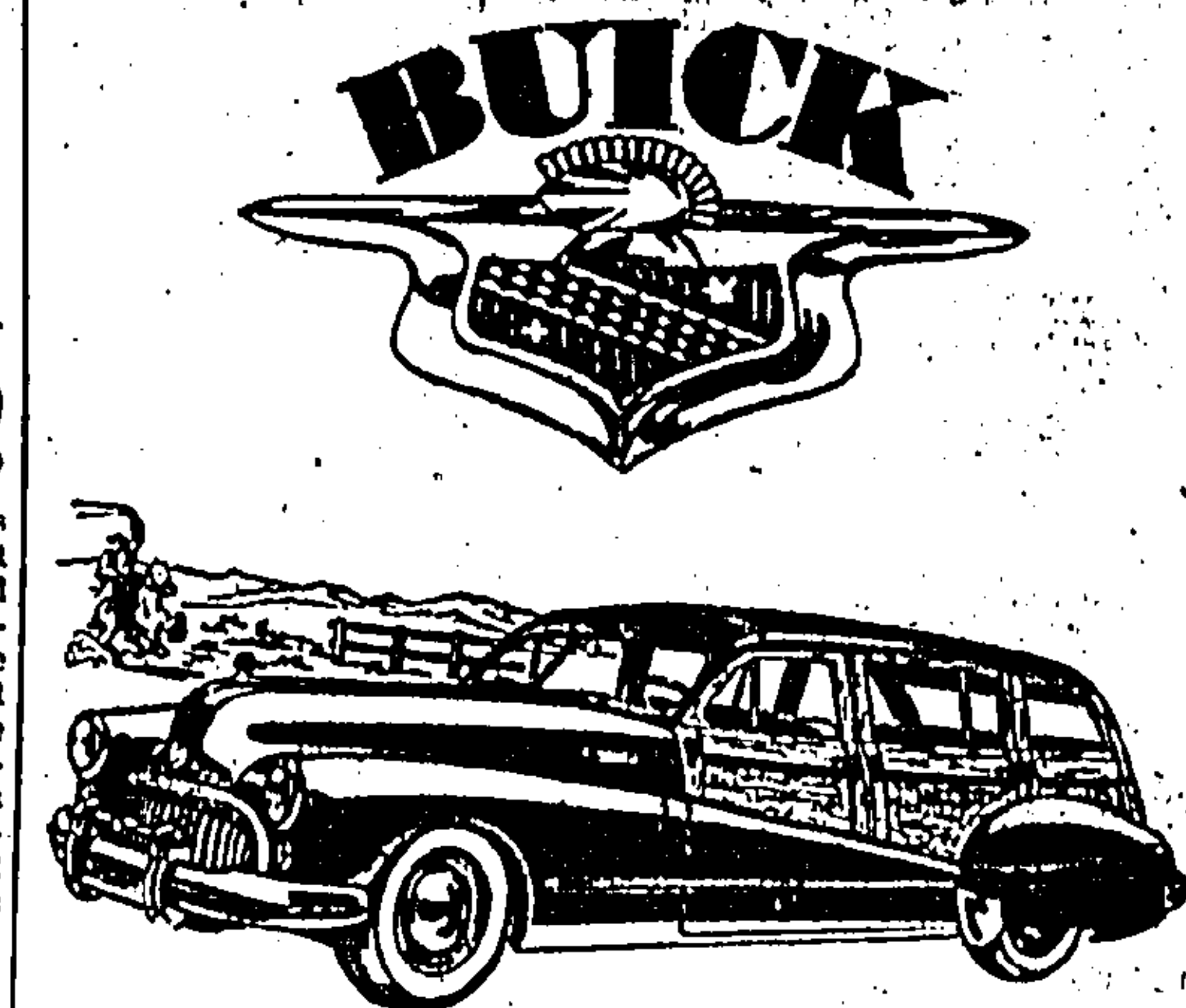
Many devices have been produced with the object of thwarting the car thief and the latest of these takes the form of a strong steering combination lock. A split bush is clamped immovably to the steering column, the securing screws of which are concealed beneath a sliding cover. This cover is, in turn, locked in position by the insertion of the connecting rod to the stirrup which steers the wheel when in the locked position. The lock itself is a five-figure combination type, which has been so constructed as to make "feeling" of the combination impossible. To unlock the steering the combination is set to the determined figure and the lock is withdrawn by means of the handle. The lock is then opened by a half-turn and a lift, and the stirrup, complete with

Even more heavily brazen was the touring of 1911, complete with the "powerful acetylene lamps" beloved of the novelists of the time. This was a 16 h.p. car built in the Grand Manner, with rear seating in the tradition of the Great Bed of Ware. Bringing up the tail of the procession was the post-war Opel Olympia, which has been a rare sight in the British Zone of Germany since production was restarted at Russelsheim last year. The Olympia sells to German buyers at £147 10s. As far as the British are concerned, of course, this figure does not include import and purchase taxes. As labour and material become available in increasing quantities, it is hoped to build 500 Olympias a month.

Getting Into Awkward Corners

Much inventive is invoked and many hours lost when a particularly important nut or bolt falls into a position where it can be retrieved only after considerable dismantling. In such cases a new device produced by Turner Component Engineering Co., Ltd., 99-115, Clarence Road, Clapton, London, E.8, will repay its initial outlay of 6s. 6d. in a single use. Known as the Teco-flexible finger, the device comprises an outer cover, which can be bent to get round a corner, fitted with an inner cable which is attached at one end to four "fingers" and at the other to a spring-loaded knob. When the knob is depressed, the fingers open and will grasp almost any small object. When the knob is released, the spring withdraws the "fingers" into the outer covering securely holding the object to be retrieved.

The Stamford Steering Lock, which is finished chrome, is obtainable from Stamford Engineering Co., Ltd., Rainford Road, Park Royal, London, N.W.10. The price is £3.10s. and locks are available to suit most cars.



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ASTOUNDING TALK BY RED C-IN-C

By JOHN McDERMOTT

Berlin, July 22.

Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky, Soviet Commander-in-Chief in Germany, said today that Russia was blockading Berlin because the United States had made Russians get special permits to visit the United States Occupation Zone.

Marshal Sokolovsky called Russia's action a "reciprocal" measure to counter American regulations and said Russia would lift the blockade if the Americans would open their Zone to Russian traffic.

"When you have a guest at your table for dinner, you do not expect him to walk off with the legs of your dinner table," he said. "When I have guests at my table, I do not expect them of them myself."

"For three years we permitted the Americans free access (international railway and superhighway), through our Zone, to Berlin. But in June, the Americans ordered that all Russians going to the United States Zone would have to have visas. So we reciprocated."

"The conversation was held at a party at the headquarters of the Polish Mission here. Maj.-Gen. J. Prawin, chief of the Polish Mission, had invited most of the diplomatic corps and military representatives to a party in celebration of Poland's national holiday."

The talk with Marshal Sokolovsky was conducted in Polish, Russian and English with a Polish reporter interpreting.

Denies Blockade

Marshal Sokolovsky denied that there was any blockade around Berlin.

"There is no blockade," he insisted, with a broad smile. I explained that there really was that the blockade had prevented me from taking my car out of Berlin for a vacation and then returning.

Marshal Sokolovsky said that if I wanted a visa for my trip, I would be given one. (Visits to 10 officers by a New York Times correspondent had failed to produce anyone who knew how such a permit could be obtained.) Would the Soviet lift the blockade if the Americans opened their Zone to the Russians? I asked.

"If you did that we would," replied Marshal Sokolovsky.

The conversation took place in a far corner of the room, near one of the large tables covered with food. I told Marshal Sokolovsky it was a pleasure to see him because it refuted reports that he had gone back to Moscow and had not returned.

"But why are there such reports?" he queried.

Tonight was the first time in several months he had attended an all-nations gathering or appeared in public.

Lapham To Hold Talks

Nanking, July 23.

Mr. Roger D. Lapham, who last night warned the Chinese to do more to help themselves if they want further United States aid, will begin a series of conferences here today with American and Chinese authorities on the utilization of United States aid.

He announced his mission intended to spend US\$70,000,000 for cotton, \$50,000,000 for petrol products, \$15,000,000 for fertilizer and \$70,000,000 for road-building supplies.—Reuter-AAP.

Showdown On Leopold

Brussels, July 22.

The Social Christian (Catholic) group of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies announced today that they will force an early split to Belgium's three-year-old "Royal question."

The announcement is taken to indicate an impending showdown between the Catholics—King Leopold's supporters—and the Socialists, who are strongly opposed to the King's return to the throne.

The Christian Social deputies are to hold a joint meeting with their Senatorial colleagues, possibly next Tuesday, to discuss the question.

A law restricting King Leopold's return to Belgium was passed soon after the King's release from German captivity in 1945.—Reuter.

MONTGOMERY FOR TRIESTE

London, July 22.

The War Office announced tonight that Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will visit Trieste on July 24 to July 27 "on routine inspection of British troops there."—United Press.

AMERICAN RIPOSTE

Washington, July 22.

A high Army Department official today said the United States could not give the Russians free entrance into the American Zone of Germany in exchange for the right to use the international railway and superhighway into the German capital.

He made the statement in a comment on a United Press dispatch quoting Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky.

Taking up Marshal Sokolovsky's arguments one by one, the official said that in the early days of the occupation all Russians were free to go into the United States Zone. American officials were forced to require them to have passes after the Soviets began tightening up on United States citizens entering the Russian Zone.—United Press.

SUN FO MEETING OPPOSITION

Nanking, July 23.

Dr. Sun Fo was reported yesterday to be seeking his resignation as President of the Legislative Yuan as an increasing number of legislators are balking at his leadership.

Dr. Sun is expected to retire from the Legislative Yuan before it reconvened after the summer recess. His possible successor is likely to be General Wu Te-chen, who now is the Yuan's Vice-President.

Informed sources said Dr. Sun's resignation was caused by the strong opposition he has encountered from legislators who are now organizing themselves into movements against his leadership. It was said that since his brief tenure of office since the Yuan

was constituted in May, Dr. Sun has incurred growing hostility among the legislators with his conduct which they accuse of being "undemocratic."

He is charged with being "haphazard" and with failure to observe procedural rules when votes were cast on important bills, with the result that dissident opinions have always been over-ruled. The complaint has also been made that, in delegating duties, Dr. Sun's first consideration is "always to choose men close to himself."—Reuter-AAP.

RED CENSURE MOTION FAILS IN ITALY

Rome, July 22.

The Senate rejected by 173 votes to 83 a Communist motion of censure tabled by Communist Senator Umberto Terracini today.

Winding up the debate, the Premier, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, declared that the events of the past week proved that the Communists had prepared plans for an insurrection.

"The unrest throughout the country, the resort to arms and the strikes prove that the Communists wanted to carry out subversive action against the state. It seemed to us that we were in Czechoslovakia," he said.

He then read several pamphlets distributed by the Communists in several Italian cities, inciting the people to revolt and urging the creation of "action committees." The Premier then added that the situation was truly serious. The Government faced the necessity of averting a real coup d'état. The Communist Party had prepared its insurrection plan under the following title: "Measures for

the defence of the Italian Communist Party."

The attempt, however, was averted but the Government was determined to resort to all measures to protect the threatened Republic.

Considering the situation and Communist mentality, co-operation with them could not be considered on a Government level.

Mentioning the Cominform resolution disclaiming orders to the Belgrade Government, Signor De Gasperi stated that ministers who received orders from a foreign Power, could not be accepted in the Government.

Economic Subsidies

Dealing with the economic situation, the Premier said that 50 per cent of Italian industries were subsidised by the state. The situation should be faced by socialistic reforms but without socialisation, which he considered impracticable.

Finally, the Premier stressed the danger of frequent cabinet crises. "What has been happening in France since the liberation does not strengthen the parliamentary system," he stated.

He emphasised the Government's determination to protect the freedom of all citizens and eulogised the Minister of the Interior, Signor Mario Scelba, whose name was greeted by thunderous cheers from Right-Centre and Centre Benches.—Agence France-Presse.

New Giant Plane

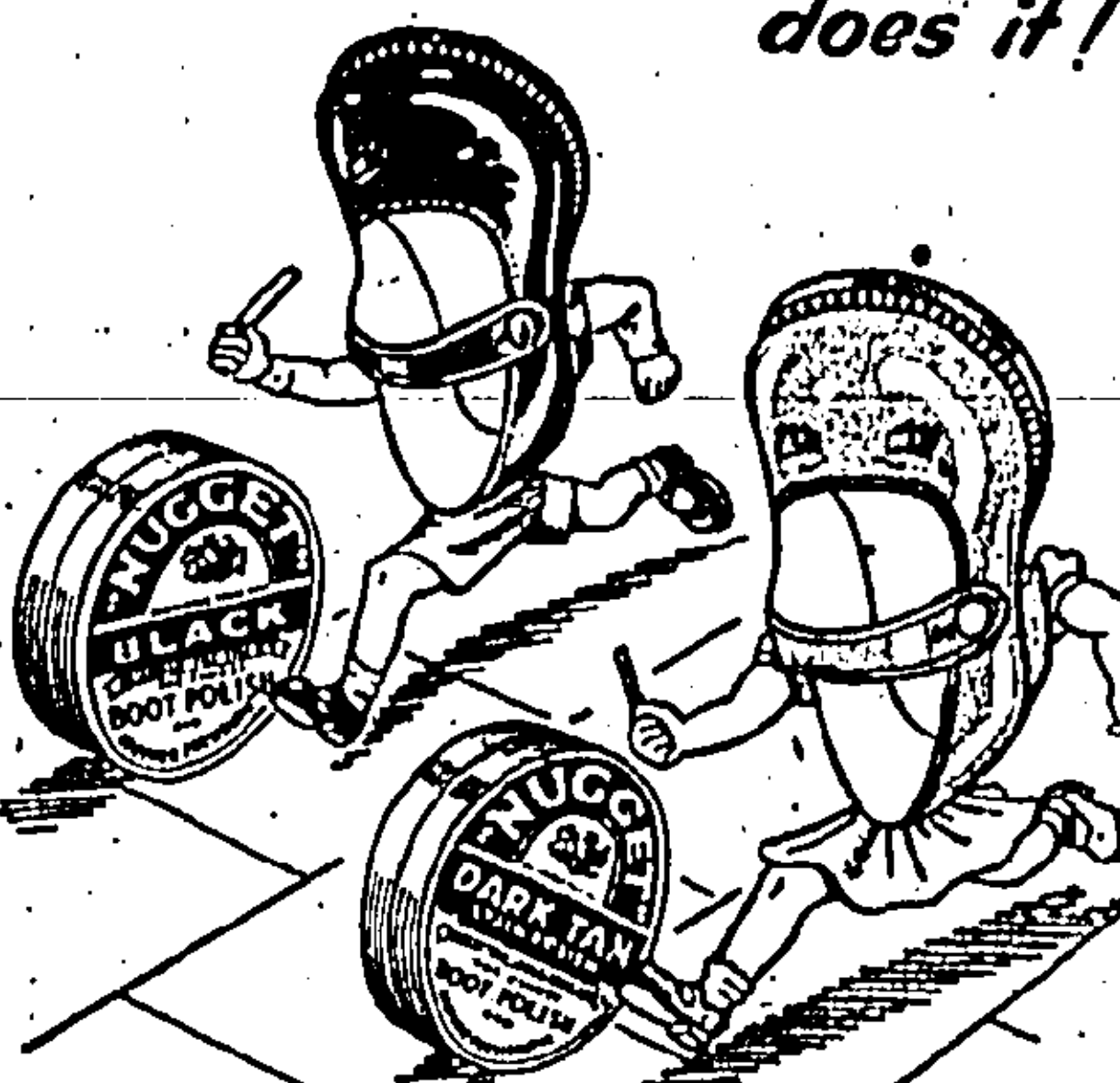
Burbank, Calif., July 22.

One of the world's biggest passenger aircraft, the United States Navy's new Lockheed Constellation will make her first transcontinental flight on Sunday.

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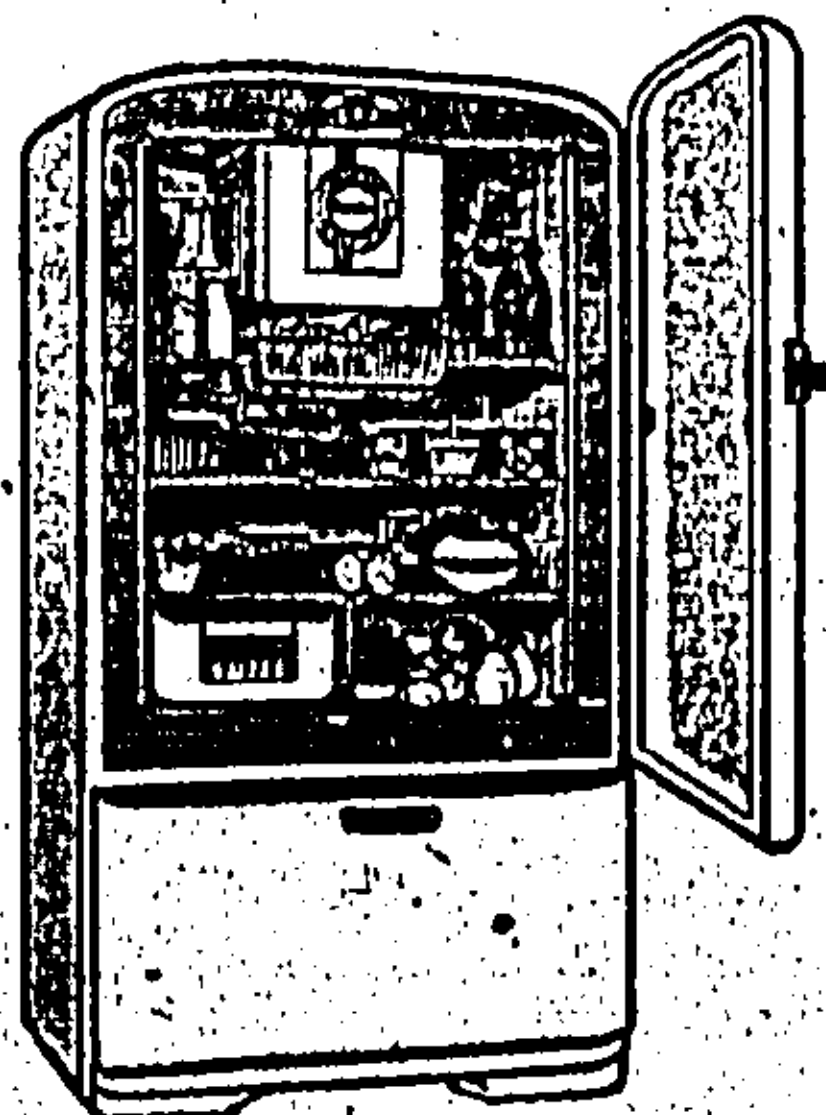
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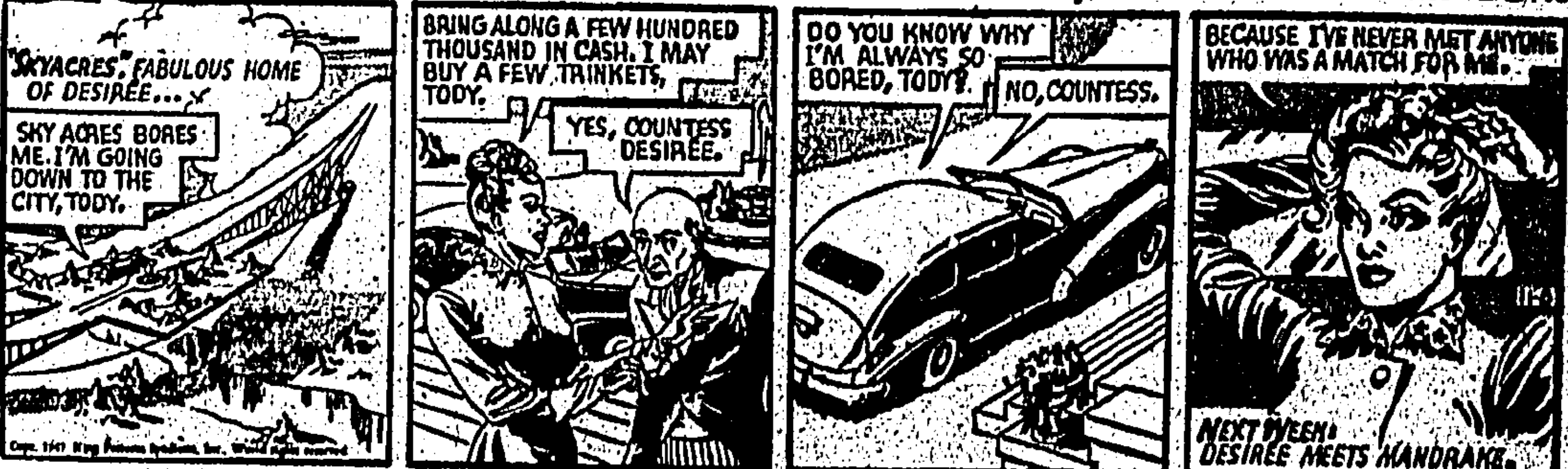
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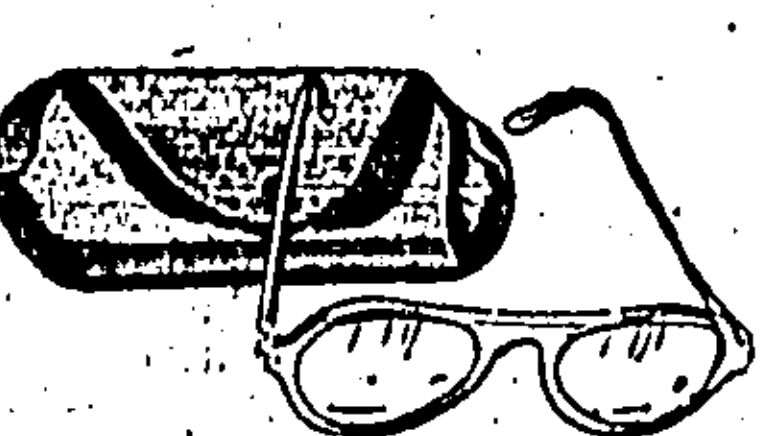
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HUNGARIAN PURGE ON: OFFICIALS ARRESTED RESISTANCE TO LAND POLICY

London, July 22.
Reliable reports from Budapest today said that 60 officials of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture were arrested for opposing the new agrarian policy heading towards collectivisation.

Reports follow closely the official Hungarian announcement about the arrest of 50 farmers charged with sabotaging grain deliveries to the state.

The reports alleged the Hungarian Government wanted to

Pope Not To Receive President

Vatican City, July 23.
Vatican circles said today that the Pope would leave for his summer residence at Castelgandolfo at the end of the month "without receiving officially Italy's President."

It was said that "in view of the recent political turmoil" following the attempted assassination of Palmiro Togliatti, the Pope would "probably leave without receiving Italy's President."

They added, however, that the Pope's departure did not exclude the possibility of his returning to the Vatican for a day to receive President Einaudi. "The Pope will wait for political calm to return before receiving the President," they said.

"After Premier de Gasperi obtained a vote of confidence from Parliament, it was thought the time was propitious for a visit. That opportunity was lost and now the exorable attempt at assassination of Togliatti and political reaction to it have further delayed the visit. However, a visit could be arranged at 24 hours' notice."—United Press.

Party Made Mistakes, Says Slav Leader

Belgrade, July 22.
One of the Yugoslav Communist leaders under fire from the Cominform, M. Alexander Rankovitch, Minister of the Interior, told the party's fifth Congress here today that there had been party "errors and omissions" during the war. The party, however, had since the liberation successfully applied "the enormous and rich experience" of the Soviet Communist Party, he declared.

He repudiated a Cominform charge, that the party officials were not being elected, as "unfounded and not based on fact."

Pro-Leopold Demonstration In Brussels

Brussels, July 23.
A solemn Te Deum in honour of Belgium's National Fete day touched off a noisy pro-Leopold demonstration in Saint Michel and Gudule Cathedral this morning.

As the strains of the national anthem died away after the service, a packed throng of Leopoldists who had been crowding the side aisles of the church began to yell "Vive le Roi" and "Leopold." A few began an opposition cry for "Baudouin," Leopold's son, but these were quickly shouted down.

The Prince Regent was not present and an empty plush-hung throne topped by an outside golden crown symbolized for the Leopoldists their absent King. The uproar swelled to a crescendo as Prime Minister Paul Henri Spaak walked impassively out of the church, amidst a throng of gold-laced diplomats, old women and students who shouted themselves hoarse, raising three fingers in salute to Leopold the III.—Associated Press.

Atomic Work Shown To Press

Harwell, July 22.
The most secret spot in England—the square mile of Berkshire where British atomic scientists' work—was shown to the Press on Tuesday.

It is Chief Scientist Sir John D. Cockcroft, in a short discourse, warned of atomic energy.

He said it will be at least ten years before atomic energy will be a substantial factor in life. And it will be at least that long before atomic energy will become a practical means of providing heat and power for homes and factories.

"Can Great Britain right now produce an atom bomb?" he was asked. Sir John declined to answer. "It is a question with political implications," he said. "I cannot answer to scientists."

Five Killed By Storm

Nuremberg, July 22.
Five people were killed and six seriously injured in a fierce storm which struck Nuremberg this afternoon.

The storm tore down 11 houses, uprooted trees and broke power lines in the city. —Reuter.

BALKAN SLANGING MATCH

Belgrade, July 23.
Yugoslavia today sharply rejected Hungarian accusations that the Yugoslav Legation in Belgrade was hiding a murderer, and it charged that the Hungarians had behaved in an "unheard of manner" in publishing an attack on the Legation.

A communique here tonight was the first public notice Yugoslavia had taken of the Budapest incident. Yugoslavia offered "all possible aid to the Hungarian police" in investigating the murder of a Slav student Milos Matich in Budapest, but had been rebuffed by the Hungarians, it said.

The Yugoslav Information Office said the Budapest Legation had offered to renounce diplomatic immunity by letting the Hungarian police enter the building and interrogate the press attaché, Zifko Borov, accused of murdering the pro-Cominform Matich on July 10.

The communique added: "This offer has now been withdrawn as a result of Hungary's publication of charges against Borov, and interrogation of the attaché would now be permitted only after receipt and study of material pertaining to the murder." —United Press.

Rice Price Increase Predicted

Mexico City, July 23.
A world rice shortage may boost prices for the 1948-49 crop, members of the 16-nation Rice Committee said yesterday.

The world price average may be upwards of eight cents a pound for the 3,000,000 metric tons which will reach commercial export channels during the year, they said.

Leonard B. Ellis, rice commodity specialist in the grain branch of the production and marketing administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, said world production this year would be about four percent less than the pre-war level.

"This, coupled with the fact there has been an increase in post-war population from eight to ten percent, means a shortage," he said.

About half the world's population uses rice as a basic diet and it is among this group that population increases have been the greatest, he said.

Reliable sources familiar with the U.S. Government rice purchasing policies, said the Government had not reached a decision on when rice purchases would be made. These sources said the time for purchases, whether early or late in the season, were still under discussion.

Ellis declined to comment on Government purchase plans. The committee, one of the commodity organizations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, only will make recommendations for distribution of the world's rice available for export.

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